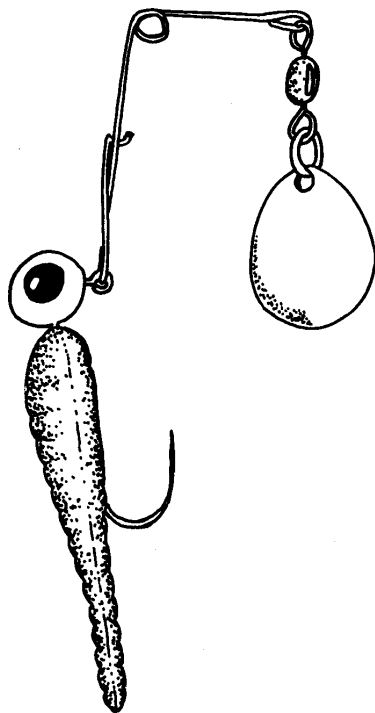




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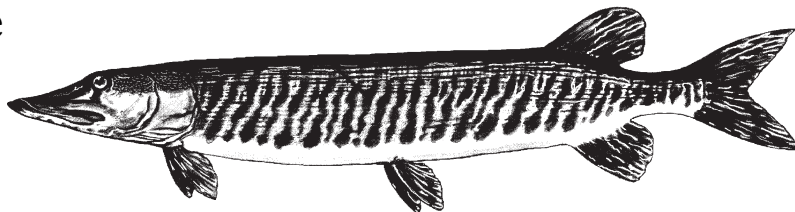


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Save Trophy Size Fish With CPR
Catch - Photograph - Release

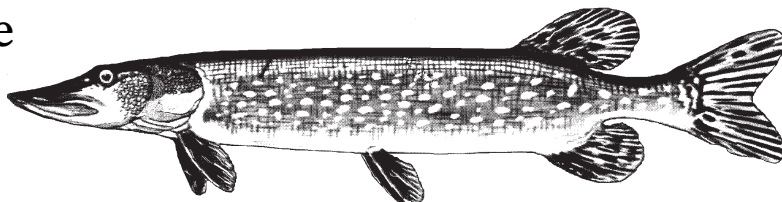
Gamefish Identification

Muskellunge



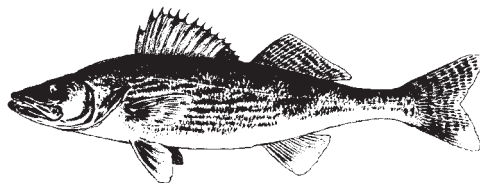
Vertical dark markings
on a light background.
Tail fins are pointed.

Northern Pike



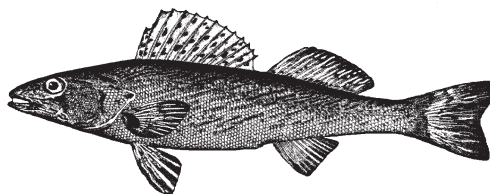
A pattern of horizontal
rows of light, round to
oval spots, on a dark
background. Tail fins
are rounded.

Walleye



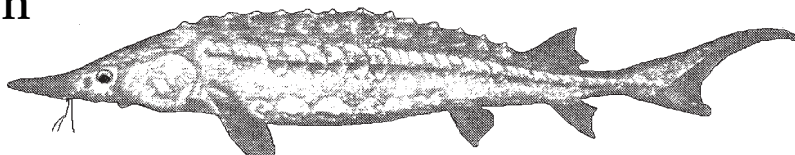
Dark blotch at base of
back fin. White spot on
bottom of tail fin.

Sauger



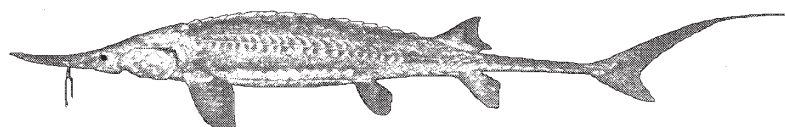
Spots on back fin.
Scales on gills.

Lake Sturgeon



Elongated tail.

Shovelnose Sturgeon



Whip-like extension
on tail.

Overview of 2003 Seasons and Limits

The St. Croix River forms part of the state boundary between Minnesota and Wisconsin. A portion of the St. Croix River and entire Namekagon River lies within Wisconsin. Open seasons, daily limits and minimum sizes vary depending on where you fish and what state your fishing license is issued from. It is important to study a map of the area and to know which rules and regulations apply to the area you are fishing. Anglers may fish from either shoreline in the boundary waters with a license from either state.

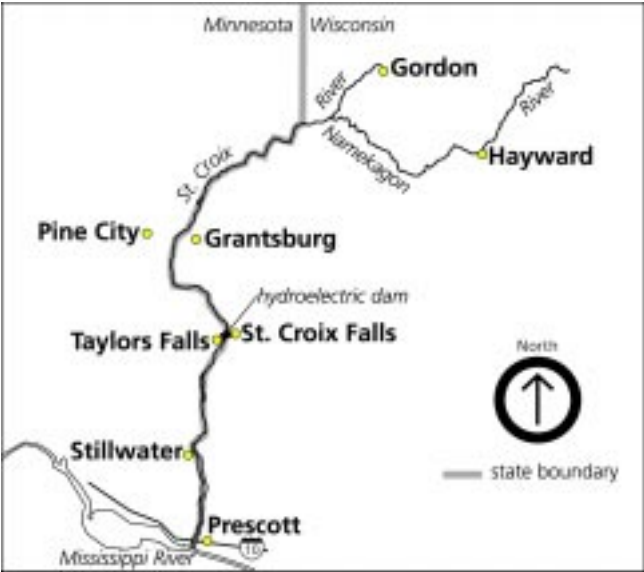
A experienced angler is able to identify common game fish and carries a ruler for measuring fish which have a size limit.

Minnesota and Wisconsin Boundary Waters

This stretch of the St. Croix River extends from Highway 10 at Prescott, Wisconsin, upstream to the point where the river is no longer the boundary between the two states. The remainder of the river upstream from this point and the Namekagon River are Wisconsin (inland) waters. An area downstream of the hydroelectric dam at Taylors Falls/St.Croix Falls is closed to fishing and is identified by signs and fences.

Bass Zones

The St. Croix is divided into northern (N) and southern (S) zones regarding open seasons for bass in the boundary waters. Northern bass zone waters are upstream from the hydroelectric dam in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin/Taylors Falls, Minnesota. The entire Namekagon River is located in the northern bass zone.



Species	Stretches of St. Croix Riverway	2003 Open Season	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Largemouth Bass & Smallmouth Bass	inland WI & Namekagon River #	May 3 - June 20 June 21 - March 1	0 (catch & release only) 5 in total	14"
	boundary waters	(S)May 24 - March 1 (N) May 24 - Sept 7 (N) Sept 8 - Mar 1	5 in total 5 in total 0 (catch & release only)	14" 14"
Lake Sturgeon	inland WI & Namekagon River	closed no season	0 - none	
	boundary waters	Sept 6 - Oct 15** <small>south of dam at St.Croix Falls/ Taylors Falls only</small>	1 per season	50" *
Shovelnose Sturgeon	inland WI & boundary waters	closed no season	0 - none	
Muskellunge	inland WI & Namekagon River #	May 24 - Nov 30	1	34"
	boundary waters	May 24 - March 1	1	40"
Walleye & Sauger	inland WI & Namekagon River	May 3 - March 1	5 in total	Both - 15"
	boundary waters	May 3 - March 1	6 in total	Walleye - 15" Sauger - none
Yellow (Striped) Bass & White Bass	inland WI & Namekagon River	open all year	no limit	none
	boundary waters		25 in total	
Northern Pike	inland WI & Namekagon River #	May 3 - March 1	5	none
	boundary waters	May 3 - March 1	5	none
Catfish (Does not include Paddlefish)	inland WI & boundary waters	open all year	10	none

(S) Downstream from hydroelectric dam at St. Croix Falls - Taylors Falls. (N) Upstream from dam.
Northern Zone in Wisconsin. * When fishing under authority of a Wisconsin license you must immediately tag the legal size sturgeon that you keep in front of the sturgeon's tail. Register the fish at a Wisconsin DNR registration station no later than 6:00 p.m. the day after it was caught. ** No open season upstream from St. Croix Falls and Taylors Falls.



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Bass Rule: Fish should be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the end of the compressed tail.